Components:

The components for assistance under the scheme will include all urban infrastructure development projects including water supply and sewerage. The scheme will cover the following areas:

* Urban Renewal
* Water Supply & sanitation
* Sewerage and solid waste management
* Construction and improvement of drains/storm water drains
* Construction/upgradation of roads, highways/expressways
* Parking lots/spaces on public private partnership basis
* Development of heritage areas
* Prevention and rehabilitation of soil erosion/land slides

Financing Pattern

* The sharing of funds would be in the ratio of 80:10 between Central Government and State Government and balance 10% could be raised by the nodal agencies from Financial Institutions.
* Central assistance (grant) is released directly to the nodal agencies as Additional Central Assistance (ACA).
* Central share is released in two instalments depending on availability of state share and submission of Utilisation certificate within 12 months of the closure of the financial year.

Reforms

The provision of Central assistance is linked to implementation of certain mandatory as well as optional reforms at the State and ULB/Para-statal levels. Implementation of all mandatory and optional reforms has to be completed during the Mission period.

Obscene pictures and information in websites

†*249. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cyber cafes are misusing internet services by putting obscene pictures and informations in websites;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that one website had recently shown obscene picture of Mahatma Gandhi;

(c) whether Government would take some steps to check misuse of websites and cyber crimes as well; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), maintains national crime data. During the year 2005, 88 cases of obscene publication/transmission in electronics form were registered in various states under Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000. However, NCRB does not maintain specific information regarding such misuse of Internet services by the cyber cafes.

(b) to (d) A website by the name 'www.youtube.com' has hosted some objectionable content regarding Mahatma Gandhi. This said website is hosted on servers in United States of America. Information Technology Act, 2000 together with Indian Penal Code provides a legal framework to check misuse of websites and cyber crimes in India.

A Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on 15.12.2006 to further strengthen the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000. The Bill *inter-alia* provides for cyber crimes like publishing of material containing sexually explicit act in electronic form, e-commerce frauds through impersonation commonly known as phishing, identity theft and offensive messages through communication service.

However, the websites hosted on the servers abroad are subject to the laws of those countries. This poses technological as well as legal issues in taking action against such websites.

Joint venture for titanium based industry

*250. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has entered into MoU with Bothli STARK Company for a joint venture for establishing Titanium based Industry (extracting of Mining of Beach sand) in the east coast of the State (Srikakulam to Vizag);